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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1261

INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 0263

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MZ, PINS

SUBJECT: RUMORS OF EXECUTION OF OPPOSITION LEADERS

REF: STATE 33372 (NOTAL)

1. GUMANE REPORTED IN BLANTYRE BY CHRISTOPHER KITENGE, WHO CALLED ON US FEB 7 AND IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS COREMO MEMBER ON MISSION TO ZAMBIA AND KENYA AT GUMANE BEHEST FOR "EXCHANGE OF IDEAS" WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF WEST. KITENGE THEME WAS HIGH REGARD FOR WEST AND FEAR THAT COMMUNIST INFLUENCE WILL PREVENT ANY SEMBLANCE OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM IN MOZAMBIQUE. AT END OF CONVERSATION HE ASKED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PURCHASE AIR TICKET TO NAIROBI WHERE HE INTENDED CALL ON SCANDANAVIAN EMBASSIES. RATHER VAGUELY AND INDIRECTLY, KITENGE INDICATED GUMANE IS STAYING OUT OF PUBLIC EYE FOR PRESENT AND CONTEMPLATING HOW OR WHETHER HE CAN COME TO TERMS WITH MACHEL. NO MENTION MADE
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OF SIMANGO.

2. KITENGE NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO PRESENT EMBASSY STAFF, BUT HE ASSERTED HE HAD CLOSE ASSOCIATION IN MID-60'S WITH FORMER LUSAKA POLITICAL OFFICER TEMPLE COLE. MEMCON POUCHED FEBRUARY 10 TO DEPT, DAR, BLANTYRE, LOURENCO MARQUES, NAIROBI.

3. FOR NAIROBI: REFTTEL BEING REPEATED TO YOU.
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